

**THE CITY OF DEXTER
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council Work Session Meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM by Mayor Keough and was held at City Hall located at 3515 Broad St., Dexter, MI.

B. ATTENDANCE

Council Members: Aldag, Griffin, Hubbard, Michels, Schlaff, Semifero

Mayor: Keough

Also attending: Justin Breyer, City Manager and City Clerk; Josh Tanghe, Assistant to the City Manager; Tim Stewart, Public Services Superintendent; Marie Sherry, Finance Director/Treasurer/Assessor; residents

C. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

D. FY 2023-24 CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

City Council discussed the following related to the upcoming fiscal year's goals and objectives:

- 3515 Broad St.
 - Acquiring an exterior sign for City Hall and looking at etching the rock at the corner of Huron St. and Broad St.
 - Installing permanent art for City Hall.
- Public Art
 - Including the installation of permanent art as a public benefit in the PUD process of development projects.
 - Finding a permanent piece of art for the LaFontaine pad at the corner of Dexter-Ann Arbor and Ryan Dr. The City has been using that pad as a location of temporary art, but there is \$5,000 in escrow for the purchase of a permanent piece.
- Cost Increases Associated with the Dexter Area Fire Department Budget and Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Contract.
- Succession Planning
 - Staff reviewed draft organizational charts related to succession planning and upcoming retirements. Council discussed proposed timelines for hiring and training employees hired to fill vacancies.

- Cross training and the various functions of a planning department, such as code enforcement, permit review, and economic development.
 - Creating a written set of procedures for each role and function.
- Roads Planning
 - For road projects following the summer 2024 construction season, staff is to develop a set of recommendations to present to Council along with a presentation from OHM Advisors.
 - The final payment for an existing road bond is planned for May 2024.
 - The fiscal health of the Downtown Development Authority is improving, and it is possible that they may be able to start contributing towards road projects.
 - Staff was asked to investigate increasing the annual funding for regular road maintenance projects.
 - Council expressed a desire to review a list of desired sidewalk projects, as included in the City's Capital Improvements Plan.
- Water and Sewer
 - City Council reviewed a set of images of possible painting scenarios for the water tower. Council indicated that their favorites were one with the logo, possibly in dark green, or the light blue.
 - Council also discussed a proposed development at 8180 Main St. and plans to extend and loop the water main in this area.
 - Council discussed areas of the City that need water main replacements.
 - City Council discussed the history of water and sewer rates. Council asked staff to provide a chart of water and sewer rates.
 - Council discussed the service capacity of the wellfields, the addition of 6th well, and odd-even restrictions. Based on proposed and future developments, the City will be engaging in a capacity study for utilities.
- Sloan-Kingsley Development
 - Mayor Keough distributed a plan provided by David Lutton for the Sloan-Kingsley parcels. The plan proposes the annexation of approximately 45 acres into the City for development, then Scio Township would maintain the rest as forest and farmland preservation area. Council also discussed the possibility of adding space for the industrial park and possible trail connections through the proposed development.
- Senior Center
 - Last quarter of 2022 - Shawn met with Township supervisors to discuss a recreation authority specifically for the Dexter seniors.
 - It appears that the Townships may have challenges to get something approved.
- The next goal setting work session is scheduled for March 11th.

E. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Ron Miller, 7645 Forest St. – indicated that he serves as member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and is associated with the Senior Center. He expressed that he is interested in plans and development related to parks. He wants to see cohesive integration of parks. He is interested in how the City is approaching the senior community with regard to the community center.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Breyer
City Manager and City Clerk

Approved for Filing: _____